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## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

### Xmas Concert At United Church

A Christmas tree and concert in the United Church on Friday night marked the end of another successful year in their Sunday School. Mrs. Ellison, the superintendent, welcomed the large crowd and gave a brief account of the Sunday School work and, while heartily thanking those who have given the financial support to carry on and to provide the Christmas treats, she stated that the school was in need of two more teachers and urged that someone find it possible to assist in this way. The following splendid program was presented by the Sunday School, assisted by the Mission Band under the leadership of Mrs. Ballam.

O Canada  
Recitation, Welcome, (a) Myron Emerson (b) Eunice Harrison.  
Chorus by School  
Song, Beginners Class  
Choral Recitation by group of small children  
Song by Primary Class  
Cradle Song, Girls of Mission Band  
Recitation, Gerald Hurt  
Piano Solo, Maxine Malt  
Reading—Beryl Thompson of the Mission Band  
Duet, "You Mustn't", Raymond Patmore and Eunice Harrison  
Kazoo Band. Joe Ellison's class  
Song, Glad Bells of Christmas, by group of girls  
Christmas Song, Chiming Bells, by the Mission Band  
Pantomime "Newsboy Tim", by Mission Band  
The Night Before Christmas Slides  
Kazoo Band  
An Impressive Vesper Service by the C. G. T. Groups, conducted by their leaders, Miss F. Gough and Mrs. Adams, was the closing number.  
After singing "God Save the King", all eyes turned to the door to watch the arrival of Santa Claus who received a joyous shout of welcome and with merry antics and stories handed out bags of candy and nuts to the children.

### Who? Me?



Admiral Arturo Riccardi

Do you wonder at his expression? Riccardi has just taken him aside and told him he is the new chief of staff of the Italian Navy—with possibly a hint to get going.

### First Stop—Canada! Then Berlin!



Smiling and very cheerful, these Australian fliers swing along a dock in an Australian city to embark for Canada, where they will complete their air-training. They have all passed their elementary flying courses, and will be given advanced schooling. The first Australian fliers to arrive in Canada are already well on with their instruction.

### LOCALS

Joe Ellison is spending the holidays at the parental home.

Miss Arlene Amery was a visitor in town for the week-end.

Jack Ryan, who is with the Home Guard stationed in Calgary, is home on Christmas leave.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Jones and Barry are spending the Christmas holiday with relatives in Red Deer.

Donald Shortt has enlisted in the R.C.A.F. and left Monday, the 16th, for Toronto to receive his training.

Misses Violet and Ruth Currie arrived from Calgary Friday to spend the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Currie.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McFadyen, who have been living in Banff for the past six months, have moved back to town and taken up residence in their recently purchased property.

After endeavoring to fight off an attack of flu for over a week, Rev. H. V. Ellison was forced to go to bed on Saturday and is still there. Tuesday, though showing improvement.

### Neil Laut Wins At Chicago

Word has been received that Neil Laut, president of the local Junior Wheat Club, placed 28th in the Hard Red Spring Wheat at the Grain and Hay Show held in conjunction with the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago. As this is the largest grain show in the world, competition is very keen and an exhibit must have outstanding merit to receive mention at all.

Of the 32 prizes awarded in this class, 3 went to British Columbia, 4 to Saskatchewan, while all the other 25 came to Alberta.

### Xmas Results Of Room II

GRADE VI  
Gordon Fox  
Robert McCaskill  
Murray Hurt  
Mary Karen Edlund  
Maxine Reeves  
Eunice Harrison  
Lorraine Nichol  
Doris Patmore  
Barbara High  
Fern Patmore  
Ralph Lind  
David Gilson  
Bruce Brandon  
Winnifred Carmichael

GRADE V  
Mary Fieldhouse  
Lorne Patmore  
Alice Huston  
Isobel Hopper  
Patsy Stevens  
Doreen Bills  
Raymond Patmore  
Warner Fieldhouse  
Harold High  
Mervin Lind  
Alice Hatten (absent)

GRADE IV  
Gerald Hurt  
Stanley Lim  
Shirley Mae Reeves  
Lois Gilchrist  
Clara Watke  
Hazel Hudson  
Edward Aldred  
Donald McCaskill  
Margaret Dunsmore  
Enid Lind  
Howard High  
Audrey Devins  
Bruce Wood  
Harold Hatten (absent)

Teacher—Mildred J. Brown

Special Christmas service at the United Church on Sunday evening was a musical portrayal of the story of the Babe of Bethlehem by the choir. Due to the illness of the minister, Mr. Ellison, the service was conducted by Rev. A. A. Lytle of Calgary.

### Rebekahs Hold Xmas Party

Justice Rebekah Lodge held a Christmas party in the Masonic hall on Wednesday of last week, when they had as their guests the Oddfellows and families of Rebekahs and Oddfellows, totalling about seventy-five in all. The hall was tastefully decorated and the large tree, bright with decorations and colored lights, made a pretty sight.

The exceptionally fine program was opened by little Beverly Anne Tweedle with a recitation. Others taking part were Lawrence Lilley, Louis Emerson, Gordon Fox, Barry Jones, Donald Laut, Gerald Hurt, Mary Karen Edlund, Helen Hurt, Ruth Richardson, M. A. Pullan, Mrs. Ballam, Mr. Ellison, Mr. Hurt and W. Lilley.

At the close of the program, the children were entertained with games and contests while the adults also entered into contests, enjoying an hilarious time.

Mr. C. Fox, being the only brother who is a "sister" was called upon to distribute the gifts, each guest receiving one.

After having listened to one of the contest groups singing about lunch, the merry crowd felt rather hungry and were then treated to a delightful lunch after which candies, nuts, popcorn balls and oranges were passed around.

The party broke up at a late hour after enjoying a very jolly evening of fun.

### Hockey

Didsbury High School hockey team scored a 4-2 overtime victory over the local team in a closely contested game here last Friday night on poor ice. Checking was close, the third period ending in a 2-1 tie. Going into a ten-minute overtime period, the visitors suc-

### Anglican Church Xmas Concert

On Thursday evening last, the Anglican Sunday School held their annual Christmas tree and entertainment in the United Church. At 6:30 a splendid supper was served in the parlor to the parents and children of the Sunday School, some thirty five being served, Misses Irene Sefton and Edna Tredaway acting as servitors. Rev. and Mrs. Ellison of the United Church were guests for the occasion.

By 8 o'clock the public had gathered for the short but excellent program which was enjoyed by all. O Canada.

Chairman's remarks by Rev. Currie  
Recitation Alice Huston  
Carol, Good King Wenceslas, by the School  
Piano Solo Jim Stevens  
Recitation Raymond Patmore  
Song, Audrey and Ethel Devins  
Song, From Every Spire, Girls  
Jokes G. Reeves  
Piano Solo, Patsy Stevens

Mouth Organ Solo.  
by Norman Patmore  
Recitation, What does Christmas Mean, by Seven  
Song, St. Nicholas, Maxine Reeves  
Piano Solo, Donald Stevens  
Song, Xmas Shopping, Doreen Bills  
Song, Holy Night, Shirley, Pat and Raymond.  
Song, Audrey and Ethel Devins  
Pantomime Song, Mrs. Currie, Miss Hewett and 3 girls  
Surprise, Lantern Slides, Rev. Ellison.

At the close, Santa Claus arrived and distributed gifts to the children and the prizes awarded for attendance.

### On Active Service

A. Brown,	V. Brown,
Albin Laut,	L. Wylie
H. Swille,	V. Major.
J. McClelland,	Max Grant,
Ralph McFadyen,	Boyd Millar,
Bud McCaskill,	J. Leask,
A. Shepherd,	C. Jackson,
William Russell,	W. Grant,
T. Fieldhouse,	Orin Fike,
S. Swietzer,	Frank Moon,
Russell Shantz,	Henry Motley,
K. L. Gilchrist,	N. G. Tweedle,
Gavin Goldie,	Mel. English,
Roy Cameron,	Roy Cameron,
Ken Fowler,	W. R. Emerson,
Frank Priest,	J. R. Carmichael,
Allan Priest,	Olen Moore,
Earl Hopper,	Ross Laut,
George Butler,	John O. Melling,
C. D. Biddulph,	Lorne Sharp,
Jack Ryan,	Bert Van Duzee,
Lawrence Nichol,	Donald Shortt

ceeded in putting in two more goals to win by a good margin. Both Crossfield goals were scored by George Fleming.

Lineup—W. Hall; H. Wylie; R. Blair; D. Oneli; A. Marshall; G. Fleming; D. Stevens; L. Hopper; J. Stevens; C. McMillan and C. Carmichael, J. Fleming.

The Flyers dropped a game to Carstairs, 6-3, here on Saturday afternoon, but made up for it on Tuesday when they came out on top in a scoring jamboree at Carstairs, the final score being 10-8.

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Thursday December 26th 1940.

### 1941—

This is the year when we take the offensive -- in other words we must leave no stone unturned in our effort to play our part in assisting Great Britain get into her stride in the air, on land and on the sea.

1941 will have many important events to unfold as Britain gradually takes command of the situation. Let us, from the beginning of the new year, plan to put every dollar we can into the coffers of the government so that every department will be able to produce at capacity.

Today's events are pointing to greater accomplishments on all fronts, and 1941 will make a big showing for democracy with every body chipping in with every dollar they can spare.

### GERMANY SAID "IMPOSSIBLE"

#### BUT BRITAIN DELIVERS THE GOODS

A triumph over their German rivals is announced by Britain's scientific instrument makers.

Before the war Canada invited the world to compete for a surveying aneroid required by the Dominion's Geographical Survey Department. They asked for an accuracy of 0.02 inches of mercury. The Germans said it was impossible. They flatly refused to try.

Britain decided to tackle the job. Two years' special research have been put in on it and now the makers are able to disclose the fact that they have done ten times better than they were asked to do. They have achieved not the 0.02 inches of accuracy but 0.002, or one tenth of the error allowed by the specification.

"We lost heavily on it," said a member of the firm, "but the research we did has been of immense value."

To-day Britain's supremacy in making scientific instruments is shown by the world demand for them. Among her war time customers are Australia, Argentina, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

When bombers are swung aboard ship at Montreal, their dashboards carry, among much else, temperature indicators, boost gauges, fuel pressure gauges, oil pump gauges, air intake, thermometers and precision altimeters, all of them made in Great Britain.

The latest figures are eloquent of Britain's new supremacy. Before the war she was exporting about one third the quantity of scientific instruments sold by her German rivals. During the first nine months of the present year she sent overseas more than 900 thousand pounds worth, an actual increase of almost 100,000 pounds worth, over the first nine months of 1939.

### Household Hints

Mayhap you wish your New Year's dinner to be a little out of the ordinary this year! The good old standbys are essential, but why not serve a dish or two that have never before adorned your festive board? Here are a few hints that should be helpful:

#### New Year's Cocktail

1 cup unweetened pineapple juice  
1 cup canned cranberry cocktail  
1-2 cup orange juice  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
4 whole cloves 1 stick cinnamon  
Mix fruit juices, add cinnamon and cloves. Cover and chill for 1 hour. Strain and serve. Serves 6.

#### Baked Orange-Glazed Ham

1 tablespoon grated orange peel  
1 cup orange juice  
1 cup brown sugar  
Orange slices Parsley  
Place a ham, fat side up, in an uncovered roaster. Bake in slow oven (300 degrees F.) 25 to 30 minutes per pound. 45 minutes before ham is done remove rind and pour off most of fat in pan. Score the fat surface in diagonal lines with a sharp knife. Decorate with cloves. Blend the grated peel, orange juice and sugar. Spread mixture over surface of ham. Return to oven and baste frequently with mixture in pan. Serve garnished with thin slices of orange and parsley.

#### Southern Candied Sweet Potatoes

8 sweet potatoes  
1 cup maple or brown sugar  
1-4 cup water Butter  
Pare the potatoes and boil until about half done. Drain, and cut in lengthwise slice and lay in shallow greased pan. Spread generously with butter or a substitute, and pour over them a syrup made of crushed maple or brown sugar and water. Bake in a moderate oven, basting frequently with the syrup until the potatoes are transparent. It may be necessary to add more syrup during the baking. An hour or more is usually required to candy the potatoes well.

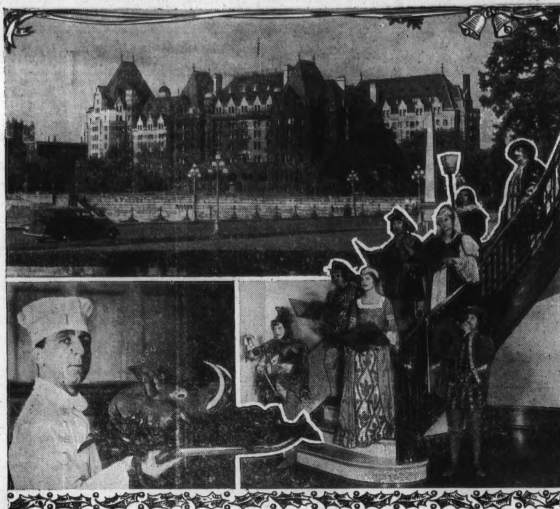
Apples, peeled, cored and baked in pineapple juice make a new and tempting dish.

### Heads R.A.F. Fighters



Air Vice-Marshal W. S. Douglas  
Presaging a new and decisive air offensive Air Vice-Marshal W. S. Douglas has been named commander-in-chief of the R.A.F. Fighters.

### Victoria Celebrates Old-Fashioned Christmas



The Boar's Head, the Wassail Bowl and burning the Yule Log in ceremonious old-English style are highlights of the yuletide celebrations enjoyed every year at Victoria, B.C., which is known throughout this continent as "the most English city in Canada" and which is capital of Canada's Evergreen Playground. The world-famous Ivy-covered Empress Hotel is headquarters for Vancouver Island's most enthusiastic Christmas celebration. Visitors come from all parts of Canada and the United States for the indoor festi-

ties and the outdoor entertainment which includes such warm-weather sports as golf, riding or hiking through the interesting countryside, tennis, boating or fishing for salmon and steelhead trout. Although there are yuletide celebrations every day of Christmas Week, with a grand New Year's Eve ball as a finale, the most picturesque of the festivities is the Empress Hotel is on Christmas Day. In a setting that looks for all the world like a wood-cut illustration of Merrie England in

the day of Good Queen Bess, an age-old ceremony is enacted for the entertainment of visitors. A frolicsome court, jester and lords and ladies in Elizabethan costumes sing the old-time carols while the Seneschal announces the great Yule Log with "wine from Spain" and fat from the "great turkey you will presently enjoy," and the Mayor of Victoria fires it with a ritual centuries old. Later, at dinner, the "Boar's Head" is carried in gay procession around the table and the wassail bowl plays its accustomed part.

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Teacher: "Yes; very."

Dick: "Do you know what the crack of dawn is?"

Joe: "Sure, what my wife gives me when I come home after 4 a.m."

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Since 1887 elementary education has been compulsory and free. While in most of the countries of Latin-America the Army budgets are the largest, in Uruguay the largest amount of public money goes to education.

It was the first country in South America to divorce the Church from the State; to give the vote to women; to abolish capital punishment (its crime record is very low) to establish a minimum wage-law; an 8 hour working day and old age pensions. In 1929 a law was passed decreasing that pensions to their employees must be granted by limited liability companies. Since 1913 a sum of 200,000 gold pesos has been appropriated annually for free seed for farmers (one pound equals 4.7 pesos).

There is an inflexible bank inspection law since 1927 and in the same year the government took over the telephone, the telegraph and postal services. The Board of Health spends 12,000,000 pesos a year and it is now proposed to give free medical service to everyone.

Uruguay is the only country in the Western Hemisphere where the adult is fined for failing to vote and the first to grant legal status to illegitimate children. It believes that no nation is better than its bottom strata.

The country is comparatively small. There are but 72,000 square miles of territory but there is no waste land. It has a higher percentage of arable land than any country in the world. The soil is rich, there is a generous rainfall and the temperature never goes below 35 deg. in winter. It is a bird's paradise; a land of cattle. Montevideo is the capital.

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## The World of Wheat

By H. G. L. Strange

Many farmers who are interested in the new rust-resistant varieties of wheat, Renown, Thatcher and Apex, and the most recent variety of all, Regent, are asking whether Registered seed of these varieties can now be purchased. The situation is as follows:

There will be available for purchase by any farmer this coming spring, First and Second Generation Registered Apex, Renown and Thatcher. It is doubtful however, whether there will be any Registered Regent for sale until the spring of 1941.

There are however, quantities available of very fine specially selected Regent of the Certified grade, and of course, there are also large quantities of Certified Apex, Renown and Thatcher. Registered seed of these new varieties contains less impurities than Certified seed; in addition the Registered strains are true-to-variety to a higher degree than the Certified.

A farmer needing a small amount of these new rust-resistant varieties should purchase Registered seed if he can, for the extra cost of a few bushels of Registered seed would come to very little. Even farmers who purchase large quantities of Certified seed would be well advised to purchase in

addition a few bushels of Registered of the same variety to be sown on clean summerfallow.

Following factors have tended to raise price: Rains are delaying the harvests in Australia and Argentina — Italy is seeking foodstuffs of all kinds from Yugoslavia — The U. S. has agreed to give to Spain immediate credit for large quantities of wheat, meat and other commodities — Shanghai recently purchased 7,000 tons of Canadian wheat.

Following factors have tended to lower price: The U. S. is arranging to send a record acreage to crops this fall and next spring — Corn crop conditions in Argentina are very satisfactory — Winter grain seeding in Russia has been completed earlier than usual — Beneficial rains are being received in southern and western Europe.

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Tan-y-Bryn — at 3:00 p. m.  
Crossfield: —  
Sunday School 11:00 a. m.  
Church Service — 7:30 p. m.  
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Services for December, 1940.  
29th, Christmas Day, 10:30 a. m. Matins and Holy Communion.  
29th, 7:30 p. m. Carol Service.  
31st, 11:30 p. m. New Year's Eve—Watchnight Service.  
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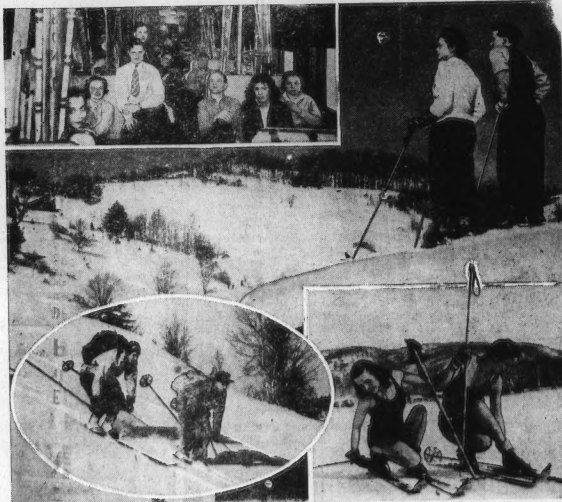
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The development of ski-ing as a major winter sport in Canada is synonymous with the Laurentian

Mountains' popularity as a winter playground. The growth of winter travel to the Laurentian ski-ground is best shown by rail traffic figures, since highway travel is negligible because of the deep snow. A dozen years ago it was a big week-end if 1,000 people went to the mountains; and few of them were skiers. Last winter the Canadian Pacific Railway took 143,500 skiers to the Laurentians on week-end ski trains. This winter approximately 20 regular and special Canadian Pacific ski trains will take nearly 10,000 skiers to the Laurentians every week-end.

Real reason for the development of the district into Canada's favorite ski-ground, in addition to its nearness to Montreal and its

facilities and terrain, is the happy route of the Canadian Pacific Railway through the heart of the mountains. The railway stations are within a few miles of each other all along the line, making cross-country ski-ing a delightful adventure possible in hard or easy stages for skiers of all ages. Then there is sport for skiers of every degree of aptitude because of the varied offerings of wooded and open country, slopes at every imaginable angle, hundreds of miles of marked ski trails up and down dales, cleared hills with ski tows to eliminate the climb back, ski jumps and breath-taking downhill runs for competitions. Cold, dry air and generous helpings of snow complete a perfect ski picture.